

# On the Mazur–Ulam theorem in fuzzy $n$ -normed strictly convex spaces

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we generalize the Mazur–Ulam theorem in the fuzzy real  $n$ -normed strictly convex spaces.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The theory of isometric began in the classical paper [16] by S. Mazur and S. Ulam who proved that every isometry of a real normed vector space onto another real normed vector space is a linear mapping up to translation. The property is not true for normed complex vector space (for instance consider the conjugation on  $\mathbb{C}$ ). The hypothesis of surjectivity is essential. Without this assumption, Baker [2] proved that every isometry from a normed real space into a strictly convex normed real space is linear up to translation. A number of the mathematicians have had dealt with the Mazur–Ulam theorem.

The main theme of this paper is the proof of the Mazur–Ulam theorem in a fuzzy  $n$ -normed strictly convex space.

In 1984, Katsaras [12] defined a fuzzy norm on a linear space and at the same year Wu and Fang [24] also introduced a notion of fuzzy normed space and gave the generalization of the Kolmogoroff normalized theorem for fuzzy topological linear space. In [4], Biswas defined and studied fuzzy inner product spaces in linear space. In 1994, Cheng and Mordeson introduced a definition of fuzzy norm on a linear space in such a manner that the corresponding induced fuzzy metric is of Kramosil and Michalek type [14]. In 2003, Bag and Samanta [1] modified the definition of Cheng and Mordeson [6] by removing a regular condition. They also established a decomposition theorem of a fuzzy norm into a family of crisp norms and investigated some properties of fuzzy norms (see [1]).

In [8, 9], Gähler introduced a new approach for a theory of 2-norm and  $n$ -norm on a linear space. In [10], Hendra Gunawan and Mashadi gave a simple way to derive an  $(n-1)$ -norm from the  $n$ -norm and realized that any  $n$ -normed space is an  $(n-1)$ -normed space. Al. Narayanan and S. Vijayabalaji have introduced the notion of fuzzy  $n$ -normed linear space in [17]. Also, S. Vijayabalaji, N. Thillaigovindan and Y. B. Jun, extended  $n$ -normed linear

spaces to fuzzy n-normed linear spaces in [23]. We mention here the papers and monographs [3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22] and [25] concerning the isometries on metric spaces.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we state some essential definitions and results which will be needed in the sequel.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $X$  be a real linear space. A function  $N : X \times \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow [0, 1]$  (the so-called fuzzy subset) is said to be a fuzzy norm on  $X$ , if for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ :

- (N<sub>1</sub>)  $N(x, t) = 0$  for  $t \leq 0$ ;
- (N<sub>2</sub>)  $x = 0$  if and only if  $N(x, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ ;
- (N<sub>3</sub>)  $N(tx, s) = N(x, \frac{s}{|t|})$  if  $t \neq 0$ ;
- (N<sub>4</sub>)  $N(x + y, t + s) \geq \min\{N(x, t), N(y, s)\}$ ;
- (N<sub>5</sub>)  $N(x, \cdot)$  is non-decreasing function on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x, t) = 1$ ;
- (N<sub>6</sub>) For  $x \neq 0$ ,  $N(x, \cdot)$  is (upper semi) continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

The pair  $(X, N)$  is called a fuzzy normed linear space. One may regard  $N(x, t)$  as the truth value of the statement "the norm of  $x$  is less than or equal to the real number  $t$ ".

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (natural numbers) and let  $X$  be a real vector space of dimension  $d \geq n$ . A real valued function  $\|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|$  on  $X \times \dots \times X$  satisfying the following four properties:

- (1)  $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\| = 0$ , if and only if  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent;
  - (2)  $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\|$  is invariant under any permutation;
  - (3)  $\|x_1, \dots, \alpha x_n\| = |\alpha| \|x_1, \dots, x_n\|$ , for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ;
  - (4)  $\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, y + z\| \leq \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, y\| + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, z\|$ ;
- is called an  $n$ -norm on  $X$  and the pair  $(X, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$ , is called an  $n$ -normed space.

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $X$  be a real linear space over a real field  $F$ . A fuzzy subset  $N$  of  $X^n \times \mathbb{R}$  ( $\mathbb{R}$  is the set of real numbers) is called the fuzzy  $n$ -normed on  $X$ , if and only if for every  $x_1, \dots, x_n, x'_n \in X$ :

- (nN<sub>1</sub>) For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t \leq 0$ ,  $N(x_1, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$ ;
- (nN<sub>2</sub>) For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $N(x_1, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$ , if and only if  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent;
- (nN<sub>3</sub>)  $N(x_1, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ ;
- (nN<sub>4</sub>) For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $N(x_1, \dots, cx_n, t) = N(x_1, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|c|})$ , if  $c \neq 0$ ,  $c \in F$  (field);
- (nN<sub>5</sub>) For all  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $N(x_1, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s + t) \geq \min\{N(x_1, \dots, x_n, t), N(x_1, \dots, x'_n, s)\}$ ;
- (N<sub>6</sub>)  $N(x_1, \dots, x_n, t)$ , is left continuous and non-decreasing function of  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x_1, \dots, x_n, t) = 1;$$

In this case, the pair  $(X, N)$  is called a fuzzy  $n$ -normed linear space.

**Example 2.4.** Let  $(X, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  be an  $n$ -normed space. We define

$$N(x_1, \dots, x_n, t) := \begin{cases} \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_n\|}, & \text{when } t \in \mathbb{R} \text{ with } t > 0, (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X \times \dots \times X, \\ 0, & \text{when } t \leq 0, \end{cases}$$

Then it is easy to show that  $(X, N)$  is a fuzzy  $n$ -normed linear space.

**Definition 2.5.** A fuzzy  $n$ -normed space is called strictly convex, if and only if for every  $x_1, \dots, x_n, x'_n \in X$  and  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $N(x_1, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s + t) = \min\{N(x_1, \dots, x_n, t), N(x_1, \dots, x'_n, s)\}$  and for any  $z_1, \dots, z_n \in X$ ,  $N(x_1, \dots, x_n, t) = N(z_1, \dots, z_n, s)$  implies that  $x_1 = z_1, \dots, x_n = z_n$  and  $s = t$ .

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $(X, N)$  and  $(Y, N)$  be two fuzzy n-normed spaces. We call  $f : (X, N) \rightarrow (Y, N)$  a fuzzy n-isometry, if and only if

$$N(x_1 - x_0, \dots, x_n - x_0, t) = N(f(x_1) - f(x_0), \dots, f(x_n) - f(x_0), t),$$

for all  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ .

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $X$  be a real linear space and  $x, y, z$  mutually disjoint elements of  $X$ . Then  $x, y$  and  $z$  are said to be 2-collinear if  $y - z = t(x - z)$ , for some real number  $t$ .

### 3. MAZUR–ULAM PROBLEM

In this section we prove the Mazur–Ulam theorem in the fuzzy real n-normed strictly convex spaces. From now on, let  $(X, N)$  and  $(Y, N)$  be two fuzzy n-normed strictly convex spaces and  $f : (X, N) \rightarrow (Y, N)$  be a function.

**Lemma 3.1.** For each  $x_1, \dots, x_n, x'_n \in X$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

- (i)  $N(x_1, \dots, x_n - x'_n, t) = N(x_1, \dots, x'_n - x_n, t)$ ;
- (ii)  $N(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, t) = N(x_1, \dots, x_i + \alpha x_j, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, t)$ , for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ;

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} N(x_1, \dots, x_n - x'_n, t) &= N(x_1, \dots, (-1)(x'_n - x_n), t) = N(x_1, \dots, x'_n - x_n, \frac{t}{|-1|}) \\ &= N(x_1, \dots, x'_n - x_n, t). \end{aligned}$$

To prove (ii), assume that  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $s, t > 0$  and  $z = \frac{1}{\alpha}x_i + x_j$ . By using (i) and  $(nN_2)$  and  $(nN_6)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, t) &\leq N(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, t + s) \\ &= N(x_1, \dots, \alpha(z - x_j), \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, t + s) \\ &= N(x_1, \dots, z - x_j, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, \frac{t + s}{|\alpha|}) \\ &= \min\{N(x_1, \dots, z, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|\alpha|}), N(x_1, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, \frac{s}{|\alpha|})\} \\ &= N(x_1, \dots, z, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|\alpha|}) \\ &= N(x_1, \dots, \alpha z, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, t) \\ &= N(x_1, \dots, x_i + \alpha x_j, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, t) \\ &\leq N(x_1, \dots, x_i + \alpha x_j, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, t + s) \\ &= \min\{N(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, t), N(x_1, \dots, \alpha x_j, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, s)\} \\ &= N(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, t) \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $N(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, t) = N(x_1, \dots, x_i + \alpha x_j, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, t)$ , for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $x_0, x_1 \in X$  be arbitrary and  $t > 0$ . Then  $u = \frac{x_0 + x_1}{2}$  is the unique element of  $X$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} N(x_1 - u, x_1 - x_n, x_2 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, t) \\ &= N(x_0 - x_n, x_0 - u, x_2 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, t) \\ &= N(x_0 - x_n, x_1 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, 2t) \end{aligned}$$

for every  $x_2, \dots, x_n \in X$  and  $u, x_0$  and  $x_1$  are 2-collinear.

*Proof.* Since  $u = \frac{x_0+x_1}{2}$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 - u &= x_0 - \frac{x_0 + x_1}{2} = \frac{x_0}{2} - \frac{x_1}{2} = \frac{x_0 + x_1 - x_1}{2} - \frac{x_1}{2} \\ &= -(x_1 - \frac{x_0 + x_1}{2}) = -(x_1 - u). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we conclude by the Definition 2.7 that  $u$ ,  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  are 2-colinear. By using Lemma 3.1, we can see that

$$\begin{aligned} &N(x_1 - u, x_1 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, t) \\ &= N(x_1 - \frac{x_0 + x_1}{2}, x_1 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, t) \\ &= N(x_1 - x_0, x_1 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, 2t) \\ &= N(x_0 - x_n, x_1 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, 2t), \end{aligned}$$

and similarly

$$\begin{aligned} &N(x_0 - x_n, x_0 - u, x_2 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, t) \\ &= N(x_0 - x_n, x_1 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, 2t). \end{aligned}$$

Now, we prove the uniqueness of  $u$ .

Assume that  $v \in X$ , satisfies the above properties. Since  $v$ ,  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  are 2-colinear, there exists a real number  $s$  such that  $v := sx_0 + (1-s)x_1$ . In view of Lemma 3.1 and Definition 2.5, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &N(x_0 - x_n, x_1 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, 2t) \\ &= N(x_1 - v, x_1 - x_n, x_2 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, t) \\ &= N(x_1 - (sx_0 + (1-s)x_1), x_1 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, t) \\ &= N(x_1 - x_0, x_1 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, \frac{t}{|s|}) \\ &= N(x_0 - x_n, x_1 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, \frac{t}{|s|}). \end{aligned}$$

So,  $2t = \frac{t}{|s|}$ . Since  $t > 0$ ,  $|s| = \frac{1}{2}$ . Also

$$\begin{aligned} &N(x_0 - x_n, x_1 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, 2t) \\ &= N(x_0 - x_n, x_0 - v, x_2 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, t) \\ &= N(x_0 - x_n, x_0 - (sx_0 + (1-s)x_1), x_2 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, t) \\ &= N(x_0 - x_n, x_0 - x_1, x_2 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, \frac{t}{|1-s|}) \\ &= N(x_0 - x_n, x_1 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, \frac{t}{|1-s|}). \end{aligned}$$

So  $2t = \frac{t}{|1-s|}$ . Hence  $\frac{1}{2} = |s| = |1-s|$  and so  $s = \frac{1}{2}$ . Thus we obtain that  $u = v$  and this complete the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3.** Let  $f : (X, N) \rightarrow (Y, N)$  is a fuzzy  $n$ -isometry;

- (i) For every  $x_0, x_1, x_2 \in X$ , if  $x_0, x_1$  and  $x_2$  are 2-colinear, then  $f(x_0)$ ,  $f(x_1)$  and  $f(x_2)$  are 2-colinear.
- (ii) If  $f(0) = 0$ , then for every  $z_1, \dots, z_n \in X$  and  $t > 0$

$$N(z_1, \dots, z_n, t) = N(f(z_1), \dots, f(z_n), t)$$

*Proof.* Since  $x_0, x_1$  and  $x_2$  are 2-colinear, there exists a real number  $s$  such that  $x_1 - x_0 = s(x_2 - x_0)$ . So, for each  $x_3, \dots, x_{n+1} \in X$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(f(x_1) - f(x_0), f(x_3) - f(x_0), \dots, f(x_{n+1}) - f(x_0), t) \\ &= N(x_1 - x_0, x_3 - x_0, \dots, x_{n+1} - x_0, t) \\ &= N(x_2 - x_0, x_3 - x_0, \dots, x_{n+1} - x_0, \frac{t}{|s|}) \\ &= N(f(x_2) - f(x_0), f(x_3) - f(x_0), \dots, f(x_{n+1}) - f(x_0), \frac{t}{|s|}) \\ &= N(s(f(x_2) - f(x_0)), f(x_3) - f(x_0), \dots, f(x_{n+1}) - f(x_0), t), \end{aligned}$$

and by definition 2.5, we conclude that  $f(x_1) - f(x_0) = s(f(x_2) - f(x_0))$ .

To prove the property (ii), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} N(z_1, \dots, z_n, t) &= N(z_1 - 0, \dots, z_n - 0, t) \\ &= N(f(z_1) - f(0), \dots, f(z_n) - f(0), t) \\ &= N(f(z_1), \dots, f(z_n), t). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 3.4.** *Every fuzzy n-isometry  $f : (X, N) \rightarrow (Y, N)$  is affine.*

*Proof.*  $f : (X, N) \rightarrow (Y, N)$  is affine, if the function  $g : (X, N) \rightarrow (Y, N)$  defined by  $g(x) = f(x) - f(0)$ , is linear. Its obvious that  $g$  is an n-isometry and  $g(0) = 0$ . Thus, we may assume that  $f(0) = 0$ . Hence, it is enough to show that  $f$  is linear.

Let  $x_0, x_1 \in X$ . By Lemma 3.1, for every  $x_2, \dots, x_n \in X$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(f(x_0) - f(x_n), f(x_0) - f(\frac{x_0 + x_1}{2}), f(x_2) - f(x_n), \dots, f(x_{n-1}) - f(x_n), t) \\ &= N(f(x_n) - f(x_0), f(\frac{x_0 + x_1}{2}) - f(x_0), f(x_2) - f(x_0), \dots, f(x_{n-1}) - f(x_0), t) \\ &= N(x_n - x_0, \frac{x_0 + x_1}{2} - x_0, x_2 - x_0, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_0, t) \\ &= N(x_n - x_0, x_1 - x_0, x_2 - x_0, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_0, 2t) \\ &= N(f(x_n) - f(x_0), f(x_1) - f(x_0), f(x_2) - f(x_0), \dots, f(x_{n-1}) - f(x_0), 2t) \\ &= N(f(x_0) - f(x_n), f(x_1) - f(x_n), f(x_2) - f(x_n), \dots, f(x_{n-1}) - f(x_n), 2t). \end{aligned}$$

And we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} N(f(x_1) - f(\frac{x_0 + x_1}{2}), f(x_1) - f(x_n), f(x_2) - f(x_n), \dots, f(x_{n-1}) - f(x_n), t) \\ &= N(f(\frac{x_0 + x_1}{2}) - f(x_1), f(x_n) - f(x_1), f(x_2) - f(x_1), \dots, f(x_{n-1}) - f(x_1), t) \\ &= N(\frac{x_0 + x_1}{2} - x_1, x_n - x_1, x_2 - x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_1, t) \\ &= N(x_0 - x_1, x_n - x_1, x_2 - x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_1, 2t) \\ &= N(f(x_0) - f(x_1), f(x_n) - f(x_1), f(x_2) - f(x_1), \dots, f(x_{n-1}) - f(x_1), 2t) \\ &= N(f(x_0) - f(x_n), f(x_1) - f(x_n), f(x_2) - f(x_n), \dots, f(x_{n-1}) - f(x_n), 2t). \end{aligned}$$

By (i) of Lemma (3.3), we obtain that  $f(\frac{x_0 + x_1}{2})$ ,  $f(x_0)$  and  $f(x_1)$  are 2-colinear. Now, from Lemma 3.2, we have

$$f(\frac{x_0 + x_1}{2}) = \frac{f(x_0)}{2} + \frac{f(x_1)}{2}$$

for all  $x_0, x_1 \in X$ . It follows that  $f$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear ( $\mathbb{Q}$  is the set of rational numbers). We have to show that  $f$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear.

Let  $r \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $x \in X$ . By (i) of Lemma (3.3),  $f(0)$ ,  $f(x)$  and  $f(rx)$  are 2-colinear. Since

$f(0) = 0$ , there exists  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(rx) = sf(x)$ . From (ii) of Lemma (3.3), for every  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  and  $t > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(x, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{r}) &= N(rx, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \\ &= N(f(rx), f(x_1), f(x_2), \dots, f(x_{n-1}), t) \\ &= N(sf(x), f(x_1), f(x_2), \dots, f(x_{n-1}), t) \\ &= N(f(x), f(x_1), f(x_2), \dots, f(x_{n-1}), \frac{t}{|s|}) \\ &= N(x, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{|s|}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $s = \pm r$ . The proof is completed if  $s = r$ . If  $s = -r$ , that is,  $f(rx) = -rf(x)$ . Then there exists  $q_1, q_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $0 < q_1 < r < q_2$ . For each  $z_1, \dots, z_n \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &N(f(x), f(z_1) - f(q_2x), \dots, f(z_{n-1}) - f(q_2x), \frac{t}{q_2 + r}) \\ &= N(q_2f(x) - (-rf(x)), f(z_1) - f(q_2x), \dots, f(z_{n-1}) - f(q_2x), t) \\ &= N(f(rx) - f(q_2x), f(z_1) - f(q_2x), \dots, f(z_{n-1}) - f(q_2x), t) \\ &= N(rx - q_2x, z_1 - q_2x, \dots, z_{n-1} - q_2x, t) \\ &= N(x, z_1 - q_2x, \dots, z_{n-1} - q_2x, \frac{t}{q_2 - r}) \\ &\geq N(x, z_1 - q_2x, \dots, z_{n-1} - q_2x, \frac{t}{q_2 - q_1}) \\ &= N(q_1x - q_2x, z_1 - q_2x, \dots, z_{n-1} - q_2x, t) \\ &= N(f(q_1x) - f(q_2x), f(z_1) - f(q_2x), \dots, f(z_{n-1}) - f(q_2x), t) \\ &= N(f(x), f(z_1) - f(q_2x), \dots, f(z_{n-1}) - f(q_2x), \frac{t}{q_2 - q_1}). \end{aligned}$$

By  $(nN_6)$ , we have  $q_2 + r \leq q_2 - q_1$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $s = r$ , that is,  $f(rx) = rf(x)$  for all positive real numbers  $r$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear, as desired.  $\square$

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